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In re application of

Docket No: Q67100

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Appln. No.: 10/046,147

Group Art Unit: 2871

Confirmation No.: 3694

Examiner: Thoi V. Duong

Filed: January 16, 2002

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING CHOLESTERIC LIQUID CRYSTAL COLOR FILTERS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003, the period of response to which has been extended for one month by a concurrently-filed Petition for Extension of Time and attached fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over JP 2001-303057 ('JP '057') in view of JP 2001-159709 ('JP '709'). The Examiner has also rejected Claims 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over JP '057 in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002-85147 ('US '147').

Applicants note that the publication date of the JP '057 reference is **October 31, 2001**, which is **after** the application's foreign priority date of **January 18, 2001**. Applicants file

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herewith a certified translation of Applicants' priority document (JP 10534/2001). Accordingly, JP '057 should be removed as prior art, and the Examiner's § 103(a) rejections based on JP '057 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

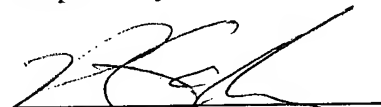
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